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## concludes arms deal with plans to build weapons

Industrialisation (AOI), set up with Egypt to develop an Arab arms industry.

But he said the \$1,040 million consortium would be replaced by a new body called the Egyptian Organisation for Arms Industrialisation—he said he would ask the U.S. to license Egypt to produce the latest of American weapons.

Mr. Sadat also lashed out at his Arab critics. All Arab states except Oman, Somalia and Sudan have broken diplomatic and other relations with Egypt over the peace treaty.

Those Arab states which had launched a "campaign of abuse"

against Egypt after it started the peace process failed to understand Egypt's aims and "we shall not give them a minute of our attention," he said.

"We shall equally not heed them now that we are going to start talks on Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip," he said. If his critics imagined that the late of those in Baghdad, Tripoli and Damascus "they are wrong," he added.

Mr. Sadat, as he frequently does in his speeches, singled out Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi for personal attack describing him as "the mad child of Libya."



Four Iranian girl guerrillas of the Islamic revolution keep a sharp lookout for possible trouble as they guard the speaker's rostrum during a massive rally in Tehran Tuesday to mark the 16th anniversary of a bloody uprising against the Shah. (AP wirephoto)

## Egypt, U.S. agree to 'inform' Palestinians on autonomy talks

CAIRO, June 5 (R)—Egypt and the United States agreed today that Palestinians should be kept informed of progress in Egyptian-Israeli negotiations over the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip, the official Middle East news agency (MENA) reported.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali met today with James Leonard, deputy U.S. Representative to the United Nations, who is representing his country at the talks on autonomy for Palestinians in the two Israeli-occupied areas. "The Egyptian and American sides agreed on the importance of continued contacts with the Palestinians to put them in the picture on the progress of the negotiations and to know their views," MENA said.

Palestinians are not taking part in the talks, which the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has branded a sell-out to Israel. Dr. Ghali has frequently stated that there are secret contacts between Egypt and Palestinians on autonomy, something the PLO denies.

The second round of the talks is scheduled for Monday in the Egyptian port city of Alexandria. The first round was in Beersheba in Naqab Desert 11 days ago.

## Israel tightens grip on Jordan Valley

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June 5 (Agencies)—Israel is tightening its grip on occupied Arab territory in the Jordan Valley. The West Bank military command and the Israeli Interior Ministry yesterday unveiled a new map of the Valley that expands and links Jewish settlements into territorial strip, the Israeli press reported today.

It passed, the plan will consolidate 15 separate Jewish settlement enclaves under one regional council and guarantee water supplies to all the settlements. The move could lead to Israeli civilian administration in the region.

The new regional council now encompasses the territory from near Beisan to the Jerusalem-Jericho road.

## PLO ready for U.S. dialogue, says Kaddoumi

KUWAIT, June 5 (R)—The foreign affairs director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, was quoted today as saying the PLO is ready to conduct a dialogue with the U.S. provided Washington recognises it as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al Aam, Mr. Kaddoumi added that any talks between the PLO and the U.S. should also be public and at the highest level.

The U.S. should also recognise the national rights of the Palestinian people, Mr. Kaddoumi told Al Rai Al Aam.

Mr. Kaddoumi reiterated the PLO's rejection of the proposed Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza Strip and denounced the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel as a "surrender pact."

He said the Palestinian people would take decisive and firm action against anyone who supported the autonomy plans.

On Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri's recent call for an Arab summit in Mecca to restore Arab solidarity, Mr. Kaddoumi said the suggestion should not have come from President Numeiri, because he wants the Arab League replaced.

## Iran reports Iraqi attack

TEHRAN, June 5 (R)—Iraqi fighter planes strafed and bombed three Kurdish villages in Iran yesterday, killing six people, the Iranian government claimed today. The official "Voice of the Islamic Republic" radio said Interior Minister Ahmad Sadr Seyed Javadi had lodged a formal protest with the Iraqi ambassador.

Informed sources in the Kurdish city of Sanandaj said the Iraqis were apparently chasing Kurdish rebels who had crossed the frontier.

The governor general of West Azerbaijan Province, Mr. Mohammad Abbasi, told Reuters by telephone that four planes had attacked the villages of Gursheh and Salarheh. The interior ministry in Tehran confirmed the report and said a third village, Kainazar, was also hit.

The attacks killed six people, injured four and caused damage estimated at \$280,000, the ministry said. The ministry statement made no comment on the attack.

Mr. Abbasi told Reuters by telephone that the final death toll in the attack was not known but said 11 houses had been damaged.

Informed sources said that among a number of

wounded was a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), led by Jalal Talebani. This could not be immediately confirmed.

Reports of the attack came at a time of border tension between Iran and Iraq in the southern Iranian province of Khuzestan, where autonomy-seeking Arabs last week clashed with local Persian militia. Both sides denied reports that they had concentrated troops on the border, but reporters were prevented from reaching the frontier in Khuzestan to make an independent check.

The Kurdish border has long been a problem area for both Baghdad and Tehran and relations between the two countries were only normalised in 1975 after the Shah agreed to drop his support for Kurdish separatists on the Iraqi side of the border.

The tense situation in Khuzestan last week gave rise to a spate of anti-Iraqi propaganda posters attacking Baghdad's Baath party leadership.

The official "Voice of the Islamic Revolution" radio claimed that Iraqi helicopters had crossed the border in Khuzestan on reconnaissance flights and had moved troops up to the border but this was denied in Baghdad.

## Khomeini raps writers, intellectuals

TEHRAN, June 5 (R)—Iran's

unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, today threatened to crush writers and intellectuals who refused to accept the rule of Islam.

The 79-year-old religious leader interrupted a week's rest to address followers in the holy city of Qom on the anniversary of a 1963 clergy-led rising against the Shah.

Referring to his secular critics, he said: "I told the Shah 15 years ago that if he did not serve the people he would be kicked out. So I advise you to unite in favour of Islam." He said the 1963 rising and last February's revolution had been spearheaded by workers, farmers and the poor.

Today was declared a national holiday by Ayatollah Khomeini to commemorate the rising he launched by a public attack on the Shah's modernisation and land reform programmes.

Ayatollah Khomeini's speech appeared to be direct reply to a bitter attack by the centre-left National Democratic Front, which accused him of interfering in domestic and foreign affairs and of leading the country towards a theocracy. The front attacked government plans to scrap free

elections to a constituent assembly, a move that has also been criticised by the leader of Iran's Turkish-speaking Azerbaijanis, Ayatollah Kazem Shariat Madari.

The Azerbaijani leader's Muslim People's Republican Party today renewed its calls for constituent assembly elections to approve a new constitution.

## Hussein visits Annaba, pays respect to Algerian martyrs

ALGIERS, June 5 (Agencies)—His Majesty King Hussein today visited industrial sites around the eastern port of Annaba, near the Tunisian border, on the second day of his state visit to Algeria. Before he flew to the port, the king placed a wreath on the tomb of the late Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, who died last December, and visited the tombs of Algerian martyrs.

King Hussein has already had talks with President Chadli Ben Jedid on "the main issues of interest to the Arab nation," the official Algerian News Agency said. When he left Amman the Jordan News Agency said the two leaders were expected to discuss means of achieving common Arab action to face the current Middle East situation.

The king, on a three-day visit to Algeria, yesterday held a first round of official talks with President Chadli Ben Jedid. They reviewed current Arab affairs in the light of the latest Middle East developments and discussed requirements for joint Arab action and means of strengthening Arab solidarity to face the future.

The two leaders are scheduled to hold another round of official talks tomorrow.

In an interview with Algerian Television yesterday, His Majesty expressed happiness to visit Algeria and said it was an opportunity for him to convey to the Algerian people the greetings of the Jordanian people who, he said, share with the Algerians the same aspirations and who are determined to strengthen relations with Algeria in all fields.

## Falangists stage strike to protest Gemayel attack

BEIRUT, June 5 (R)—The Christian mountain region north east of here staged a general strike today in denunciation of yesterday's attempted assassination of Lebanese right wing leader Pierre Gemayel.

Shops, factories and schools closed down in condemnation of the second attack on a member of the Gemayel family in three weeks.

The 73-year-old Falangist leader escaped with minor injuries when a powerful, remotely-controlled bomb ripped through a motorcade in which he was travelling on a coast road some 12 kilometres from the capital.

One man died from injuries and 15 others were treated in hospital. Falangist Radio said the general strike in Kesrouan-Fleuh region, took place despite Mr. Gemayel's appeal for self-restraint.

On May 13, a similar explosion slightly injured Mr. Gemayel's elder son, Amin, as he was travelling on a mountain road near the same spot.

Meanwhile, Israeli aircraft flew over the Muslim western part of the Lebanese capital today, drawing anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian commandos.

In another incident, a man was killed while crossing one of the capital's main bridges linking East and West Beirut.

Police stopped traffic from using the bridge which was the scene of several sniping incidents recently, the latest at the weekend when a man was shot dead and a girl injured.

## Canada sticks to pledge to move embassy to Jerusalem

OTTAWA, June 5 (R)—Canada's new government led by Prime Minister Joe Clark will stick to its pledge to move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem, according to External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald.

But no date has been fixed. "We will have to have a briefing on what, and how, and when that can be done," she told reporters yesterday after she and other members of Mr. Clark's cabinet were sworn in.

Mr. Clark made the pledge to move the embassy to occupied Jerusalem during the campaign for last month's general elections won by his Progressive Conservative Party.

"It will be done as Mr. Clark has indicated," Miss MacDonald said yesterday.

The promise provoked one Arab diplomat in Ottawa to say that if the move was carried out, Arab countries would have to strike back at Canada.

Canada's then prime minister, Mr. Pierre Trudeau, condemned Mr. Clark's statement as totally irresponsible and a provocative act in view of the delicate situation in the Middle East.

The 53-year-old Miss MacDonald is the first woman to be in charge of the foreign affairs portfolio in Canada.

## Iraqi security men close South Yemeni embassy

BAGHDAD, June 5 (Agencies)—Plainclothes security men, their faces hidden by dark glasses and swathed in white keffiyehs, sealed off the South Yemeni embassy in Baghdad today, turning away visitors, saying the embassy was on holiday.

The move was the Baghdad government's swift retaliation for South Yemen's action in laying siege to the Iraqi embassy in Aden after the murder of an Iraqi professor there last Saturday.

Iraq has rejected South Yemeni allegations that members of its Aden embassy staff were responsible for the shooting of Professor Toufik Rushdi.

Officials here expressed surprise at the sharpness of the South Yemeni reaction to the Rushdi killing. Until now Baathist (Arab Socialist) Iraq and Marxist South Yemen have generally been on good terms.

Iraqi officials told Reuters today that Professor Rushdi was a Communist who had lived abroad for many years, in Moscow, Algiers, and Aden. But, despite the current had relations between the ruling Baathists and Iraq's once powerful Communist Party, the professor was not on any official black-list and held an Iraqi passport, they said.

The officials added that the South Yemenis had named an Iraqi embassy official, Mr. Hashem Gharib, as the man who had shot professor Rushdi. But Gharib had been in Baghdad for three weeks, they said.

According to an Iraqi foreign ministry statement the South Yemenis had ringed the Iraqi embassy with troops, trained heavy machine-guns on it, and threatened to storm the building if the ambassador did not waive dip-

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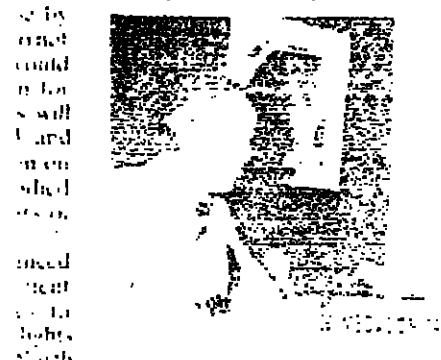
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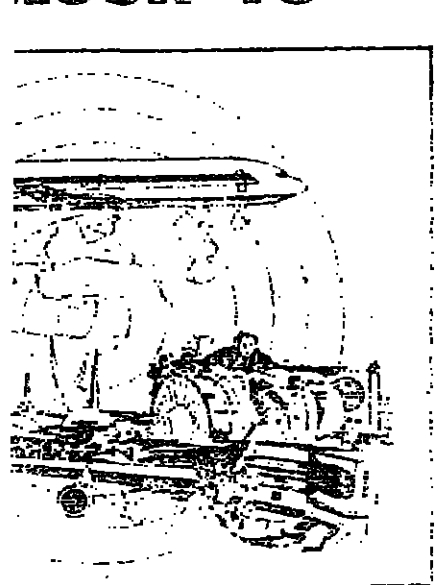


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The construction of these new airports is clearly related to the significant increase in commercial activity throughout the kingdom. The demand for adequate air commerce facilities simply could not be met by existing airports, Mr. Ghandour said.

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d. Affairs of Brazil, was off to Islamabad, Pakistan, where he will serve as chargé d'affaires for two months in the absence of the Brazilian ambassador.

It was the first time Mr. Santos had been to Brazil in two years and he admitted created his own "social revolution" in Rio de Janeiro, returning to Damascus to continue his work with a collection of books containing Brazilian diplomatic work.

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## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Arab Union Insurance Co	JD 1,000	940	1,050	1,030	1,040
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	150	11,500	11,600	11,600
Jordan Bank	JD 5,000	375	7,700	7,700	7,700
Jordan Bank	JD 1,000	375	1,000	1,000	1,000
Jordan Bank	JD 1,000	140	1,100	1,100	1,100
Caro Amman Bank	JD 5,000	485	6,750	6,750	6,750
Jordan Tobacco & Cigarette Co	JD 5,000	77	8,100	8,100	8,100
Dar Al Dawa Investment	JD 1,000	577	3,300	3,250	3,250
Jordan Farming Co.	JD 5,000	35	10,100	10,100	10,100
Arab International Hotels	JD 1,000	150	0,710	0,710	0,710
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	31	22,850	22,800	22,850
Arab Aluminum Co.	JD 1,000	2850	0,900	0,890	0,890
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	541	1,400	1,400	1,400
Jordan Paper & Carbonate	JD 1,000	300	0,920	0,920	0,920
Factories	JD 5,000	1968	6,800	6,780	6,800
Jordan Refinery	JD 1,000	900	2,350	2,350	2,350
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	900	2,350	2,350	2,350

Total volume traded, Tuesday, June 5: JD 50,492  
Total number of shares traded: 18181

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## Horses tuned, trainers nervous

LONDON, June 5 (R)—The runners have been tuned to the minute, all preparations have been made for the descent of up to half a million people on Epsom Downs and now there is a nerve-racking count-down to Wednesday's 200th Epsom Derby for the owners and trainers involved. The jockeys have other things to think of in the interim—many of them will be riding other horses in other races up to an hour before the Derby 'off' (1435 GMT). But owners and trainers have time to let hopes and fears grip them.

The prize is enormous—not only a record purse of £153,980, but the addition of millions of pounds to the winner's value for breeding purposes. And it all depends on a mile-and-a-half gallop lasting less than 2½ minutes over the horseshoe-shaped, turning, undulating Epsom course, where the classic was first run in 1780. All around Britain, the betting shops will open early tomorrow morning to accommodate the flood of once-a-year backers who always have a flutter on the Derby. It is not merely a race, but a national institution.

## Run-of-the-mill victor?

It would be appropriate if the 200th Epsom Derby were won by an obviously great colt in the stamp of Sea Bird, Mill Reef, Nijinsky or Sir Ivor, but pre-race indications are for a more run-of-the-mill victor. Racing experts' fancies cover a fairly wide spectrum, underlining the absence of any competitor who looks outstanding before the race. Two colts, Tap on Wood and Ireland's Dickens Hill, have already won Guineas classes over one mile. But it takes a good horse to win a Guineas race against the mile specialists and then triumph over the extra half mile of the Derby against the cream of middle-distance opposition.

Steve Cauthen, the great 19-year-old American jockey, rides Tap on Wood, on whom he won the Newmarket 2,000 Guineas at the first time of asking. It would be a tremendous achievement if Cauthen also won the Derby at his first attempt. Tap on Wood, chosen by Cauthen as his mount after long deliberation in preference to trainer Barry Hills' other two runners, Cracaval and Two of Diamonds, is one of the toughest classic-type horses in training. He has already run 16 times—a most unusually testing programme for a Derby aspirant.

## Switchback course

Dickens Hill will be ridden by Tony Murray. He has twice been beaten by Tap on Wood, but could turn the tables if he negotiates Epsom's switchback course better than Cauthen's mount. Lack of stamina must be the question mark against both these colts. But Tap on Wood has a fair amount of staying blood in his pedigree.

Of the others, bargain colt Ela-Mana-Mou—he cost only £4,725 as a yearling—has lived up on the racecourse to his handsome looks. It will be a surprise if he does not go close for trainer Guy Hardwood, having his first runner in the Derby, and jockey Greville Starkey, who won last year on Shirley Heights. Milford, owned by Queen Elizabeth and ridden by Lester Piggott, acknowledged master of the tricky Derby course, is sure to attract a great deal of the popular betting money. He has done well on the track, but has not yet encountered as formidable opposition as some of his rivals.

Troy is the only horse to have beaten Ela-Mana-Mou so far, and that defeat in the Champagne Stakes last season was later avenged by Harwood's Star in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot in September. Powerful and obviously of top class, Troy should give champion jockey Willie Carson a good ride provided he stays the trip. Front-running Lyphard's Wish and Irish-trained

Noelino are tough and game but may need to fully on these qualities if they are to show up at finish.

Willie Shoemaker, the great American jockey who so nearly won last year's race on Hawa Sound, tries again on Cracaval. The colt has form and has won over the Derby trip.

Horses warm up before the start of last year's Epsom Derby just south of London. Tap hat's and

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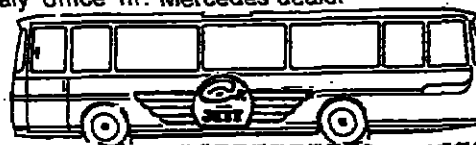
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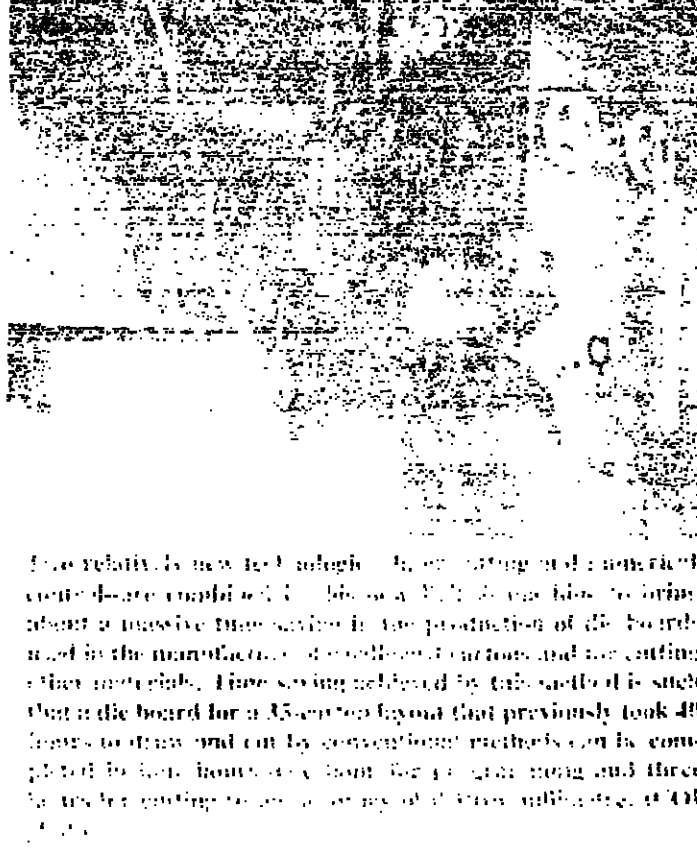
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Two relatively new test methods...  
The first method...  
The second method...

### JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Herb Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four jumbles...  
SOONE  
HOBOT  
KOEIO  
KERDEC

WHAT AUDITORS WHO CHECK BOOKS OFTEN CHECK ALSO.

Now arrange the checked letters to form the surprise answer...  
ANSWER: MONEY

### THE Daily Crossword

by James Barrick

ACROSS  
1 Harriers or May  
5 Yield by treaty  
9 Soul: Fr.  
12 At with a trumpet  
13 Convex  
15 Loop in anatomy  
16 District  
17 German shepherds  
19 Gurnshaw  
20 Wallace or Douglas  
21 Thirty, in Vichy  
22 Have - to pick

DOWN  
1 Converse  
2 River to the Ouse  
3 Risky  
4 Japanese outcast  
5 Kind of saw  
6 Call forth  
7 - out (give sparingly)  
8 Whitney or Wallach  
9 Before long  
10 Mil. man

46 "The Pickwick" - 47 Objective  
48 Chinese island  
49 Bowman  
50 Fully convinced  
51 Plunder  
52 Ottomans  
53 Tool for smoothing  
54 Dilettante  
55 Sudden outburst  
56 Taking a cruise  
57 Whiskey or the Ouse  
58 Writer  
59 Quaker's pronoun

11 Effortlessness  
14 Month  
15 "Fideles"  
18 Periods of time  
20 - Carlo  
23 Scary yell  
24 Foundation  
25 Lady's robe of old  
26 Proverb  
27 Hardhearted  
28 Not expert  
29 Salt peter  
30 Metal refuse  
32 Peer  
36 Rulers of Scotland and England  
37 Gladden  
40 Fourscore  
43 - and downs  
45 Performs  
46 Deep space measure  
48 Many: comb.  
49 Remotely  
50 Mr. Calhoun  
51 Shed for pigeons  
52 Rise high  
53 Butterine  
54 Suitor  
55 Unclose, poetical  
58 Far from svelte

### Archie

YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING OUT TO PLAY...  
ME: I AM! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S NOT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S NOT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S NOT!

### Flintstones

LET'S SEE - DID HE WANT IT ON THIS DOOR OR ON THE OTHER ONE?  
USE OTHER DOOR  
USE OTHER DOOR  
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### THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes

"When I was a kid, I wanted a pony. Finally, after years of dealing with you, I think I've bought one."

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# USSR agrees to talks with China

**MOSCOW, June 5 (R)**—The Soviet Union reported today it had agreed to a Chinese call for talks on improving relations and proposed that delegations from the two countries meet in Moscow during July or August.

The official Tass News Agency said the Soviet suggestion was contained in a message handed to Chinese Charge d'Affaires Tian Zengpi in Moscow yesterday by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The message, officially described as an aide memoire, was the fourth to pass between the two quarrelling Communist powers since April 3, when Peking first announced it was ready for negotiations aimed at normalising ties with Moscow.

As reported by Tass and published in the Communist Party daily Pravda, the message laid down no conditions that might give China reason to decline to enter talks.

It said the discussions should be aimed at "the normalisation and improvement of relations between our countries on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence, including the principles of equality, mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and the non-use of force."

It also proposed that the two countries, between which the ideological schism first became public almost 20 years ago, should agree to renounce any claims to special rights or hegemony in world affairs.

In recent years both Moscow and Peking have accused each other of attempting to establish hegemony over different areas of the world, but particularly over

Southeast Asia and the Far East. If such an agreement were reached, the Soviet message said, it should be recorded in an appropriate document to be adopted by both sides. But the wording of the message did not suggest this was a pre-condition for the talks.

The Soviet message, which the official report said the Chinese diplomat had promised to pass on immediately to his government, said the talks should be held at the level of deputy foreign ministers. The delivery of the message followed a statement issued last week by President and Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev declaring that Moscow was ready "to

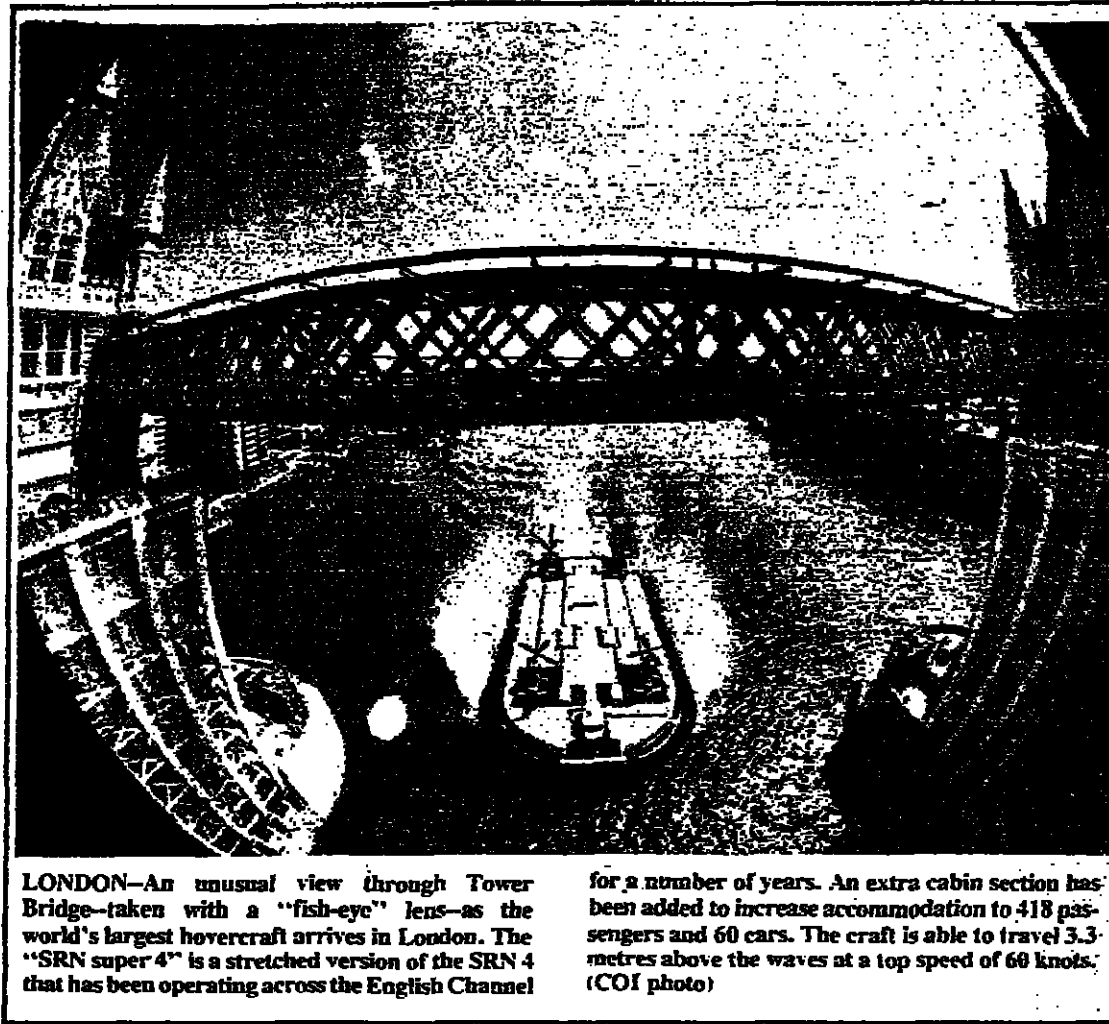
approach seriously and positively", the arranging of talks.

In a pre-recorded television address broadcast during a visit to Hungary, the Kremlin chief said the Soviet Union has often proposed to China that they normalise relations "and put them on a course of good-neighbourliness."

But, Mr. Brezhnev added in a clear reflection of Russians' fears that China might be aiming to drive a wedge between the Soviet Union and Vietnam. "This cannot be at the expense of the interests of third countries."

If the Chinese side showed real good will, the Soviet Union would not lag behind, he said.

Meanwhile, China is studying the Soviet proposal, an official Chinese spokesman said today. Asked for Peking's reaction to the Soviet proposal that talks open at the level of deputy foreign minister, the spokesman said: "It is being studied." He was unable to say how long it would be before Peking replied.



**LONDON**—An unusual view through Tower Bridge—taken with a "fish-eye" lens—as the world's largest hovercraft arrives in London. The "SRN super 4" is a stretched version of the SRN 4 that has been operating across the English Channel

for a number of years. An extra cabin section has been added to increase accommodation to 418 passengers and 60 cars. The craft is able to travel 3.3 metres above the waves at a top speed of 60 knots. (COI photo)

## Italy's political future uncertain following elections

**ROME, June 5 (R)**—The Communists lost 26 seats and the Christian Democrats one in the Chamber of Deputies in Italy's general election, according to final figures released today.

With no clear winner and no immediate possibility of a coalition, a prolonged period of political bargaining appeared likely before a new government was chosen.

In the meantime, caretaker premier Giulio Andreotti was expected to remain in office with a minority coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Republicans.

In the new 630-seat parliament,

the Christian Democrats have 262 seats and the Communists 201.

The Socialists, in third place have 62 seats—a gain of five. Small centre parties also scored gains while the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement lost five seats.

The Radical Party, an ardent supporter of legislation permitting divorce and abortion, jumped from four seats in the last parliament elected in June 1976, to 18 seats.

Results for the Senate, Italy's upper house, were similar although the Radicals did not fare so well there since the minimum voting age for the senate is 25 and the Radicals are supported by

younger voters.

Political leaders tried to make the best of the indecisive and often disappointing results.

"Our party has recorded a definite drop in relation to the exceptional advance of 1976," Communist Party secretary Enrico Berlinguer admitted. But he added that the Communists were still "the decisive force of the working class."

Mr. Berlinguer pointed to the failure of the Christian Democrats to score any gains, as had been widely predicted, and said "All political forces find themselves, as before, confronted by the Communist question."

He was alluding to the Communists' withdrawal in January from a parliamentary pact supporting a minority Andreotti government when they called for cabinet posts in a broad coalition.

The Christian Democrats rejected this demand and after three fruitless attempts to patch together a new government, President Sandro Pertini dissolved parliament.

The Communist losses in the election probably weakened the party's position if it wants to insist on this demand in the power bargaining expected in the coming weeks.

The Socialists, as usual, found themselves in a pivotal role, but the faction-ridden party's final direction remained unclear. "We

enter the new parliament in a determining position," party secretary Bettino Craxi said.

But he added: "If there are not acceptable conditions for our entry into a government, we will try to assure the stability of the executive. Otherwise we will pass into the opposition."

If the Socialists joined the Christian Democrats and small centre parties like the Social

Democrats, Republicans and Liberals in a coalition excluding the Communists, there would be a working majority of up to 58 in the Chamber of Deputies.

But the Socialists, who lost votes heavily to the Communists in the 1960s during similar centre-left coalitions, refused to return to this formula after the 1976 election and may refuse again now.

## S. Africa's ruling party will face 'crucial test'

**JOHANNESBURG, June 5 (R)**—Shaken by the humiliating resignation of President John Vorster in South Africa's "slush funds" scandal, the government tomorrow faces a crucial test of its public standing in a parliamentary by-election.

Ironically, the by-election at nearby Randfontein has been forced by the resignation of one of the principal figures in the scandal, former cabinet minister Connie Mulder.

The government had hoped to delay the release of the latest official report on the scandal until after tomorrow's poll.

But yesterday's publication of the report, and its condemnation of Mr. Vorster for covering up the scandal, will give the public a chance to express its feelings about the affair.

Mr. Vorster's resignation, announced in parliament yesterday by Premier Pieter Botha, came after months of innuendo about his role in the secret activities of the now-disbanded Information Department.

The department had already been charged in previous official reports of inquiry with misusing millions of dollars in public funds on projects aimed at improving South Africa's image at home and abroad.

The judicial investigation headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus, which had been examining the scandal since last November, said in its latest report that it was amending earlier findings which had cleared Mr. Vorster of blame.

It said that by covering up the misappropriation of funds, Mr. Vorster had to share responsibility for the irregular actions of Dr. Mulder, who was ousted from the cabinet, parliament and the ruling National Party over the scandal.

Soon after Mr. Vorster's resignation, the president of the South African Senate, Marais Viljoen, was sworn in as acting president.

The latest Erasmus report uncovered a web of intrigue in high places which comes close to rivaling America's Watergate scandal in magnitude.

It was particularly harsh on the witnesses it had interviewed at all levels in the Information Department.

"The biggest problem the commission had in its investigations was the tendency of witnesses to cover up and to spin a web over unpalatable facts," the report said.

# World News Briefs

Greece, Turkey sign first accord since 1971

**ATHENS, Greece, June 5 (AP)**—Greece and Turkey today signed their first-ever tourism cooperation accord, also marking the agreement on any kind between the two hostile neighbours since 1971. The agreement was signed between Greek Tourist Secretary-General Panayiotis Lambiris and visiting Turkish Minister of Information and Tourism Dr. Alev Coskun. The visitors repaying a trip to Turkey made earlier this year by Mr. Lambiris. Greek Tourist Office spokesman said the two sides agreed to form a committee to promote tourism between them in general, and particularly in the sea domain such as eastern Aegean Sea yacht holidays and cruises. The agreement also specifies that the countries should exchange tourism publications and films, and travelling procedures for tourists moving between the borders. A 1971 protocol signed between Greece and Turkey concerned border demarcation issues.

Zimbabwe Rhodesia strikes inside Mozambique

**SALISBURY, June 5 (R)**—Zimbabwe Rhodesian planes ground troops yesterday attacked a nationalist guerrilla camp neighbouring Mozambique, killing a number of guerrillas. Mozambican soldiers, a military headquarters spokesman said, said the forces hit a staging and supply depot of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA) of guerrillas led by Robert Mugabe at Chivinge in the western Tete Province. It was first reported that on foreign guerrilla bases under the new independent government of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who took office last week. Rhodesian planes made eight attacks on guerrilla bases in Mozambique and Zambia in April in an attempt to forestall the country's first one-man, one-vote election.

Tito pledges Malta all possible support

**VALLETTA, June 5 (R)**—President Tito of Yugoslavia left home today after a three-day visit to Malta as part of a three-day tour during which he also had talks with Libyan and Algerian leaders. Together with France and Italy, the four countries have agreed to provide military guarantees to consolidate the island's declared non-aligned status. President Tito said Yugoslavia would give all the support it was able to give and was already taking part in various economic development projects.

Schmidt, Carter to discuss energy problems

**BONN, June 5 (R)**—West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to the United States today for talks with President Carter and energy problems are likely to dominate their discussions. The decision to subsidise heating of imports by \$5 a barrel, and the consultation with America's European partners, has caused the irritation in Bonn. Chancellor Schmidt has frequently criticised the past about what he calls the unpredictability of the American government and officials in the West German capital say he is decision offers a classic example of this. French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet told Mr. Carter yesterday that European countries were seriously concerned about U.S. moves to secure a larger share of world supplies of oil. Mr. Carter is due to meet with German chancellor tomorrow. They will also discuss the new seven-nation summit conference in Tokyo.

Australia's Great Barrier Reef wins reprieve

**CANBERRA, June 5 (R)**—Oil exploration and drilling would be allowed on Australia's Great Barrier Reef until scientists showed it would not harm the environment. Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said yesterday. The announcement ended a bitter conservationists to protect the reef, home for some of the most spectacular marine life. The Great Barrier Reef extends 2,000 kilometres along the Queensland coast, drawing in thousands of local and overseas visitors each year to view its brightly coloured coral and fish.

## Violence breaks out in Spain following death of protester

**PAMPLONA, Spain, June 5 (R)**—Rioting flared in two Basque cities yesterday in protest at the killing of a young woman during an anti-nuclear demonstration.

In Madrid, gunmen shot dead two para-military civil guards, bringing the death toll in political violence in Spain this year to 72. Riot police clashed with demonstrators in Pamplona all day, and police fired rubber bullets to disperse about 1,000 protesters in San Sebastian.

Pamplona was paralysed as factories, shops and public services closed in protest at Sunday's killing.

Venezuelan-born Gladis del Estal Terreno, 24, was shot by a civil guard during a demonstration in Tudela, south of Pamplona.

Police said the guard fired machine-gun by mistake. A news, said shots were fired. Miss Del Estal was struck guard with his gun butt.

The governor of Navarre appealed for calm and the error of Guernica, town demonstration called for a Sebastian, where Miss Del had been living.

Eight people were dead clashes in Tudela after the but a march of about 7,000 through the town yesterday passed off peacefully.

Basque nationalists called for a general throughout the four provinces the appeal was not backed trades unions or major parties.

## Strikes, outbreaks of fighting paralyse Nicaraguan cities

**MANAGUA, June 5 (R)**—Fighting between leftist guerrillas and government forces was reported in several parts of Nicaragua today as workers responded to a rebel call for a nationwide strike with stoppages that paralysed the country's main cities.

The Sandinist guerrillas launched an offensive last week in the south of the Central American state aimed at overthrowing Nicaragua's right-wing President Anastasio Somoza. The guerrillas called for a general strike to back their offensive.

Almost all shops and markets were closed in Managua yesterday and buses and taxis stayed off the streets.

But Managuan businessmen who last year staged two strikes to try to bring down President Somoza did not issue any call this time to support the Sandinist offensive.

Fighting broke out in several Managua suburbs and there were clashes in Leon, Nicaragua's second-largest city.

In Chichigalpa 120 kilometres northwest of Managua, national guard officials said guerrillas were holding out in the city's hospital.

But eyewitnesses who arrived in Managua from the town said the guerrillas controlled Chichigalpa, and national guard reinforcements were being sent there.

Official reports said national guardsmen overran several guerrilla positions in Matagalpa, 125 kilometres from Managua, killing

nine insurgents and capturing a large quantity of ammunition. President Somoza, who has appealed to workers not to strike, says the latest guerrilla offensive is bigger than one last September when a general uprising was crushed by the national guard, the equivalent of the army in Nicaragua.

Flights from the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa to Nicaragua were cancelled yesterday because of the fighting, a Honduran Airline spokesman said.

In Panama City a broadcast by the Sandinist underground radio Sandino warned foreign airlines against touching down at Managua's international airport.

The broadcast said the Sandinists considered the airport a war zone and it could not guarantee the safety of foreign planes.

In Panama City, seven Nicaraguan students peacefully took over the offices of the Organisation of American States to express their support for the general strike in Nicaragua.

## Canada's new premier, cabinet begin work

**OTTAWA, June 5 (R)**—Joe Clark, the youngest prime minister Canada has ever had, today celebrates his fortieth birthday by starting work with his new cabinet on national problems that often defied the skills of his predecessor Pierre Trudeau.

Mr. Clark and his 29-strong cabinet, sworn in yesterday following their Progressive Conservative Party's victory in the May 22 general election, face difficult decisions in two main areas: the economy and Quebec separatism.

Any day now, the separatist government of Premier Rene Levesque running the largely French-speaking province will announce a timetable for a referendum on its plans to secede from Canada.

Mr. Clark, an English-

Canadian whose party-following in Quebec is minimal, has to decide how best to persuade Quebecers they are better off staying in Canada, even though they may think it dominated politically and economically by English-speakers.

Clark took the unusual step of naming two Quebecers to his cabinet from outside the elected House of Commons and promised to recruit more.

At present the Conservative Party has only members of Parliament from Quebec. Both were also given cabinet jobs.

Mr. Clark, like Mr. Trudeau before him, has rejected the Quebec Government plan for "sovereignty-association"—the

name given to the form of autonomy sought by the separatists. But he has pledged unspecified measures to guarantee Quebecers their cultural identity, hoping to undercut the more radical stand of Mr. Levesque and his Parti Quebecois.

He has also pledged a conciliatory approach to soothe frayed tempers in other provincial governments that were often at loggerheads with Mr. Trudeau, and thus ease the strains threatening the 112-year-old confederation.

On the economic front, Mr. Clark faces a difficult task in deciding how quickly and thoroughly to carry out his campaign promises.

Mr. Clark has promised economic reform, reduced public spending and cuts in the ranks of civil servants.

But Finance Minister John Crosbie will not introduce his first budget until parliament is recalled in late September or early October.

Some experts argue that the economy must be stimulated earlier to offset the effects on Canada of an increasingly probable recession in the United States.

Others argue that any economic stimulus, early or late, will simply fuel inflation, already running at 9.8 per cent, and bring fresh pressure on the Canadian dollar which is showing renewed weakness after recent poor trade figures.

## Dark cloud over Himalayan kingdom

**A month of unrest and agitation among Nepal's student population has reflected the increasing frustration with King Birendra, the world's only Hindu monarch. But constitutional reform giving political freedom still seems as far away as ever, as A.J. Singh reports.**

**KATMANDU**—A month of violent student unrest has underlined how uneasy lies the royal crown in the ostensibly tranquil land of Sherpas, Everest, hippies and exotic temples.

The threat to King Birendra has emerged as the disillusioned young and frustrated members of the outlawed Nepali Congress Party in the southern border areas turn to the radical communist Naxalites from India.

What is the core of the unrest in this tiny land-locked kingdom—the world's only Hindu monarchy?

The process of democratisation seems to have reached a dead end with the recent execution of two political activists of the Nepali Congress Party, Captain Yagya Bahadur Thapa and Narain Sureshta. These executions have added to the undercurrent of discontent that is spreading throughout Nepal. The incidence of violence has risen sharply in the rural areas and thousands of students and peasants are arrested every year.

According to a recent estimate by Amnesty International, about 3,000 political activists are languishing in Nepali jails.

Centre stage in the political turmoil is occupied by 63-year-old former Nepalese prime minister, B.P. Koirala.

Duly elected as the first and the only prime minister of Nepal in 1959, he was dismissed a year later by the late King Mohindra, father of the present King, put in jail and his Nepali Congress Party banned. Although no reason was given for this sudden action, it is said that the king saw a danger to his position and the erosion of his authority.

After eight years of imprisonment, Mr. Koirala was released. He moved to India and spent the next eight years in self-exile trying to influence events in Nepal from Varanasi. In December 1976 he returned to Nepal to be immediately arrested.

A special tribunal was appointed to try Mr. Koirala on seven charges of treason and sedition. So far he has been acquitted on five charges.

Mr. Koirala says the executions have added a "grim dimension" to his case, but says his party is continuing to try to reach some kind of agreement with the monarch.

Democratisation of the country became a possibility when the King ordered the release of hundreds of activists of the NCP last year. But political observers say this was a move to win them over to his Partyless Panchayat System (PPS), rather than an indication of a shift towards political change. In June, 1975 he appointed a

Constitution Reforms Commission (CRC) in order to bring about substantial changes in the 17-year-old PPS. Manned by pro-palace or establishment people, CRC did what it was intended for—the opposite of democratisation.

"The resultant constitutional changes only reinforced the monarchy as the exclusive source of power in the country, authorising the King to dissolve the Rashtriya Panchayat, the supreme legislative forum, abrogate the constitution and exercise wide-ranging, untrammelled powers," says Bhola Chatterjee, a well-known political commentator on Nepal.

About 300,000 people are PPS members. Apparently its policies and programmes look attractive, but, says one analyst, it is "nothing short of a puerile parody of the

democratic forces." He adds: "The King is the main leader in the system. Candidates can stand for election only if they are cleared by a government committee. This makes sure that only those persons loyal to the crown are permitted to go to the Rashtriya Panchayat."

As expected, PPS has only created more corruption and no (or negligible) economic gains. "With liquor shops, bus services, or any other enterprise you will find the proprietor is inevitably linked up or related to the rulers," says a prominent Nepali Congress member.

During the last 17 years, over \$600 million have been invested in various plans. Yet the growth rate has been almost negligible: at two per cent it has been negated by the two per cent population growth rate.

Who are the people opposed to the democratisation of the country? As usual it is the vested interests near the palace who wield power and influence in the present political set-up. "They want to retain the monarchy in its present form because they are afraid that if the democratic forces come to power, they may lose their privileges," says a Nepali Congress worker.

However, Mr. Koirala does not want the King to go. He has said: "Our country is too poor and too small. We simply want the King to change his attitude."

But the winds of political change are blowing. Militant Marxist groups known as Naxalites are slowly and surely gaining ground in Nepal. They are bound to grow, say observers, because they have the ideological blessing of the armed support of the Chinese.

Already a free flow of communist literature from China—many of them in Nepali and some in English—is being smuggled into Kathmandu—helping to enlarge the cadres of the communists. The Naxalites are reported to have made considerable inroads into the educated unemployed, the university students and other disgruntled elements.

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